



PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant: Takeshi Ohwe et al.

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BEING RELIABLY  
RELEASED FROM EFFECT  
OF MOVING RECORDING  
MEDIUM

Art Unit: 2627

Examiner: Cao, Allen T.

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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSIDERATION  
OF SUBSTITUTE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of consideration of the Substitute Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on December 6, 2007. Enclosed is: (1) a copy of the Substitute Information Disclosure Statement sent December 6, 2007; (2) copy of check for \$180.00; and (3) copy of Substitute Form PTO-1449 sent December 6, 2007.

The IDS was originally timely submitted on December 6, 2007. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that no fees are required for acknowledgement of consideration of the IDS and respectfully request acknowledgment (in the form of an initialed Form PTO-1449).


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if any questions regarding this paper should arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), after the mail date of either a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance (whichever occurs first), with both:

- (a) a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e); and
- (b) the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of foreign patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):

(X) The enclosed references were cited in a Communication issued by the Japanese Patent Office on September 25, 2007 (copy enclosed with English language translation). Applicant(s) hereby certify that each item of information cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement (except for corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,646,832).

( ) Applicant(s) hereby certify that no item of information cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing below after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Enclosed is a check for \$180.00 to cover the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

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